



## PRESS RELEASE

### Selma Municipal Court Offering AMNESTY PROGRAM

*For more information:*  
Contact the Magistrates Office  
at (334) 874-2135  
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.

During the whole month of February 2012, the Selma Municipal Court will be offering a one-time, good faith Amnesty Program to allow anyone who meets the requirements an opportunity to pay their outstanding traffic tickets without going to jail. If you have a warrant for your arrest on a traffic violation, you have the opportunity to take care of it and not go to jail.

#### *No Questions Asked*

There are three types of warrants on the books: capias, writs, and alias. A capias is an outstanding warrant that has a balance due after that individual appeared in Municipal Court before a Judge and entered a guilty plea or was found guilty by the Judge and failed to pay their fines and costs. Writs are basically the same as capias warrants. They are issued to order a defendant to pay. An alias is an outstanding warrant where an individual was arrested or given a citation and failed to appear on their scheduled or rescheduled court date.

People with serious traffic offenses, such as reckless or driving under the influence will still have to appear in court, as will those who want to contest a traffic ticket. A new court date will be set by the Magistrate.

The Amnesty Program begins on February 1, 2012 and will end on February 29, 2012. You may pay at the Municipal Court Magistrate's Office, 1300 Alabama Avenue between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you cannot pay the full amount owed to the City, you may set up a payment plan through the municipal court. Your warrant will be canceled and you will not go to jail.

The City of Selma recognizes that these are difficult economic times and the amnesty program will allow anyone, who avails themselves to the program, an opportunity to (1) stay out of jail, (2) not be charged any further penalties and/or fines and (3) clear up any outstanding traffic warrants against you.

If you have any questions or need to see if you have an outstanding warrant, you may contact the Municipal Court at (334) 874-2135.

